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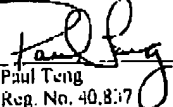
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This Communication is submitted in response to the October 17, 2008 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office which indicates that examination of the above-identified patent application will be restricted under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-19, 22-25, 27-31, 34 and 35, drawn to an image-processing method for printing device including steps refer to "gamma correction parameter", classified in class 347, subclass 14;
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III. Claims 26, 32 and 33, drawn to an image forming system including an image processing apparatus and an ink-jet printing device, classified in class 358, subclass 1.9.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute group I. Claims readable on group I include pending claims 1-19, 22-25, 27-31, 34 and 35.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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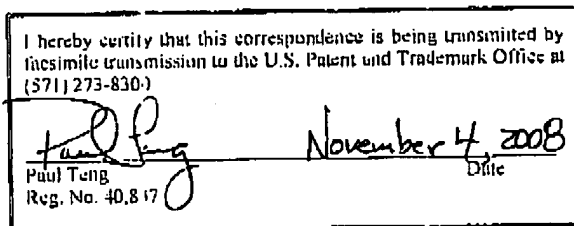
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